



# MORIALTA MESSAGES

Morialta Secondary College Newsletter



## Principal's Update

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Morialta Secondary College

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Dear Morialta Secondary College Community,

Welcome to the first edition of Morialta Messages for 2025. It has been a great term, full of student achievements both academically and through a rich array of co-curricular opportunities. Our new year 7 students, along with our continuing year 8 and 9 students, have smoothly transitioned into the school environment, thanks to a successful transition and orientation process.

A unique aspect of our new college is the simultaneous induction of one-third of our teaching team alongside our students. I am pleased to introduce our new teachers, who have quickly adapted to our systems and culture: Monique Green in Digital Technologies, Monica Baldock in English/EALD, Ashlee Ceravolo, Katie Olds, and Marija Poljak-Nikolic in English/HASS, Paige Yao, Tara Kraehenbuel, Emma Carlsson, Henry Warneke, and Henk Plaggemars in Mathematics/Science, Nikki Wall in Outdoor Ed./HPE, and Emily Rowe as the Year 9 Learning and Engagement Leader as well as Mathematics/Science.

We also welcome School Services Officers (SSOs) to our team, including Yash Sooriyaarachchige as Finance Officer, Kate Earle in Events and Communications, and Chris Pace, Tyla Kotyla-Edwards, and Michael Marrone in Classroom Support.



## Principal's Update, cont.

Our year 9 students have embraced their roles as role models and leaders, demonstrating responsibility and promoting co-curricular opportunities. Our Stretch and Learning Support Programs continue to offer personalised learning experiences, with our new Learner Support Hub (Hub) providing tailored support in a central location. This year our Stretch programs have grown from year 7 and 8 immersion programs to also include our year 9 Stretch pathway subjects.

Our third successful Sports Day was a resounding success, fostering school spirit and healthy competition. We proudly launched our Volleyball Academy Program, featuring expert coaches dedicated to developing our students' skills. Additionally, the after-school soccer squad and before-school girls AFL team have commenced, offering further opportunities for physical activity and teamwork.

Year 7 and year 9 students completed their term 1 NAPLAN tests, and we thank all our students for managing these processes efficiently and effectively.

Rehearsals for our upcoming musical are underway, promising an outstanding performance in late Term 2. Lead cast members have been involved in workshops at local primary schools and the entire cast has been busy rehearsing throughout the term.

A diverse range of clubs have commenced this term, providing students with opportunities to explore their interests and develop new skills. Thank you to the staff involved in leading these co-curricular opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Morialta Secondary College. I look forward to a successful year ahead.

Kind regards,  
Roley Coulter, Principal

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## Acquaintance Evening

Morialta Secondary College warmly welcomed families to our annual Acquaintance Evening on February 12, 2025. Despite the heat, the turnout was impressive, with many families eager to meet our dedicated teachers and explore the school's facilities.

Attendees heard from the school's leaders, with speeches highlighting our commitment to fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment for all. A heartfelt thanks to all who attended and contributed to the evening, your support and involvement are invaluable to our school community.







## KEY DATES

### TERM TWO

**28 Apr:** First day of Term 2  
(Mon, Week 1)

**5 May:** Year 7 Vaccinations  
(Mon, Week 2)

**14 May:** Student Led  
Conferences (Wed, Week 3)  
Early dismissal, 1.25pm

**5 Jun:** Arts Collective  
(Thu, Week 6)

**9 Jun:** King's Birthday Public  
Holiday (Mon, Week 7)

**10 Jun:** Student Free Day  
(Tue, Week 7)

**26 & 27 Jun:** High School  
Musical (Thu & Fri, Week 9)

See our [College Calendar](#) on the  
Morialta Secondary College website  
for more key dates.



## RECAP

### Year 7 Woodhouse Camp

Our year 7 students recently embarked on an exciting camp filled with activities designed to foster connections within their Connect class and the broader cohort. The camp was packed with engaging experiences, including laser skirmish, which was an absolute highlight for many. Students also enjoyed the thrill of the tube slide, tackled the challenges of Challenge Hill, and participated in team-building exercises. Rock climbing and bouldering offered further opportunities for personal growth and teamwork.

The camp was not only about fun but also about building friendships and strengthening bonds among students. Heaps of fun was had by all, and while there were some late nights and tired bodies, the memories and connections made were well worth it. This camp was a fantastic start to the year, setting a positive tone for the journey ahead.

*Bryce Wait, Leader of Learning and Engagement*







## COLLEGE CLUBS SERIES: Volleyball Academy

At Morialta Secondary College, we offer a diverse range of clubs and activities designed to enrich our students' educational experience. From sports to arts, and everything in between, there's something for everyone to explore and enjoy. Participating in clubs is a fantastic way for students to develop new skills, make friends, and engage in the school community.

One of our standout offerings is the Volleyball Academy. This club provides an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their volleyball skills while meeting new friends. Sessions are available before school, with year 7 students meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays, and all ages on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lunchtime volleyball is also available as needed. These training sessions double as the selection process for various carnivals and teams throughout the year. Sessions are held in the gym, with outdoor courts to be confirmed. For more information, please contact Bryce Wait.

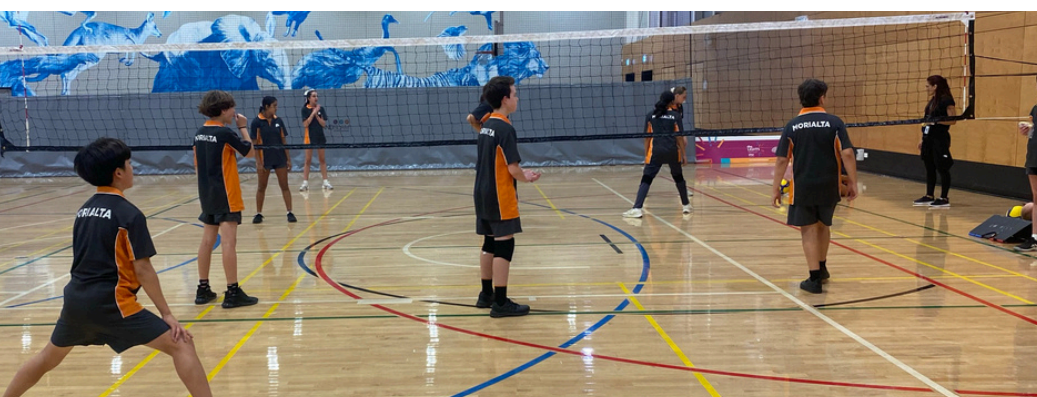
For a complete schedule of our clubs and activities, please visit our [Clubs and Activities Guide](#). We encourage all students to get involved and make the most of their time at Morialta Secondary College



## CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM!

We know that many of our students are excelling in various extracurricular activities, from sports and arts to community service and more. By highlighting these accomplishments, we aim to foster a sense of community and inspire others, while celebrating the success, hardwork and dedication of our students.

Does this sound like your young person? Please contact us with details of your child's achievements for inclusion in future communications. Email: [dl.1920.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.1920.info@schools.sa.edu.au)





# OUTDOOR EDUCATION

## Building Skills and Overcoming Challenges

Our Outdoor Education program kicked off the term with engaging team-building exercises, helping students learn to rely on each other in various challenging situations. They explored team dynamics through Tuckman's stages of group development and learned how to calculate risk in outdoor settings.

A significant highlight was the excursion to Port Noarlunga, focused on human impact and sustainability of coastal areas. Students snorkelled at the reef and kayaked on the Onkaparinga River, with many overcoming their fears of water thanks to the support of their classmates. This experience empowered them to propose solutions to the Onkaparinga Council to mitigate human impact on the environment.

In our mountain biking unit, students spend a day at Fox Creek, developing their skills and focusing on calculated risk-taking. Many were surprised by their achievements, realising their potential through this exhilarating experience.

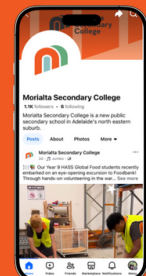
The class has come together remarkably well, showing strong support for each other and actively engaging in their learning and growth. Their involvement has been a standout feature of the program. Looking ahead, we are planning a hiking camp in Term 2, where students will focus on practical skills such as setting up tents, cooking on Trangias, and route planning, further enhancing their teamwork and outdoor abilities.

*Nikki Wall, Outdoor Education*



## CONNECT WITH US!

Follow us on social media!  
Our social media channels, [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), regularly share important reminders and exciting stories before they appear in the Morialta Messages. Join our online community to stay informed today!







## 27 JULY - 9 AUGUST: SOUTH KOREAN STUDY TOUR

We are thrilled to announce that students from Chungcheongbukdo Cheongju, South Korea, will join Morialta Secondary College to participate in school activities and will be accommodated with homestay families. This enriching cultural experience provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to build international friendships and learn about Korean culture.

Stay tuned for more details!



## MORIALTA SECONDARY COLLEGE 2024 YEARBOOK

We are excited to share that the 2024 Morialta Secondary College Yearbook will soon be available for preorder on QKR. This special compendium is filled with photos and memories capturing a year that will go down in MSC history. Don't miss the chance to own this memorable keepsake, which will be ready by the end of Term 2. Follow us on social media for more information about preordering in coming weeks.



## HASS: Diving into Waterway Health

On 13 March, our year 7 and 7,8,9i classes visited Thorndon Park to explore waterway health. Students collected data for their Geography curriculum enhancing their understanding of environmental conservation.

Back at Morialta Secondary College, they developed fieldwork reports from their findings. This was punctuated by a visit from SA Water about South Australian water sources, enriching students' knowledge of local water management. Thanks to all who made this educational experience possible!





# MUSICAL UPDATE

## Rehearsals, Performances and Workshops

Our talented students have been working diligently and rehearsals are progressing well in the lead up to our school musical, High School Musical, scheduled for Week 9, Term 2. Students involved in the musical were invited to visit local primary schools, where they performed highlights from the production and lead engaging workshops for year 5/6 students. This initiative provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their talents and inspire younger students through the arts.

Regular updates and behind-the-scenes glimpses are being posted on our social media channels. Follow us to share in our excitement for this vibrant production.



## RECAP Sports Day

Morialta Secondary College held its first Term 1 Sports Day on February 28 with resounding success. The day was filled with energy and enthusiasm, with students participating in a variety of events and showcasing their athletic skills and team spirit. Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and sportsmanship. A special thank you to the staff and volunteers for making the day memorable!

